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9 March 1976

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ISAS - The review milestones associated with the modified budget cycle are an addition to review procedures developed earlier in the 70's. Two items that ISAS feels are worthwhile RD&E efforts are: a computerized system of file records control, and Computer Input Microfilm (CIM - as opposed to the already developed Computer Output Microfilm - COM). A study should be undertaken to examine carefully the potential of the technology against broad Agency requirements and to consider the cost of adapting state-of-the-art equipment to service these needs.



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John:


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[redacted] says it will probably be April before Sayre convenes the meeting of ADD's...

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It does seem to make sense that I be the coordinator to interface with [redacted] particularly on reprogramming. We will need an internal DDA procedure on R&D interface with SAT - not certainly to get in the way of day to day DDA - SAT traffic re what SAT is doing for us - but for reprogramming. (over)

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SPEED LETTER	REPLY REQUESTED		DATE 25 February 1976	
	YES	NO	LETTER NO.	
TO : JAS ATTN:		FROM: HAV		
<p>Jim -</p> <p>Re Program Review: It appears we will get the proposal for DDA blessing in April. I think we will want to have in hand a statement from our offices on each of the items as the basis for concurrence with the proposal and for prioritization. We certainly would want to know, for example, the impact on DDA resources of follow-on action. Will it require more or fewer people? Will it require more funds or will a savings result? Thus it appears we should set up a complementary procedure for "coordination of RD&E Program" within DDA.</p> <p>Reprogramming: Throughout the sections on Program Review and Budget Review he refers states "We will apprise you . . . any other pertinent reprogramming actions" or words to this effect. It is not until he discusses the current year (para c.) that he alludes to "consultation" with respect to reprogramming. I believe OC's gripe, and justly so, is that reprogramming action is being taken without consultation of the interested people. I suggest that the proposed procedure be revised to recognize the need for consultation at all stages of reprogramming.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ SIGNATURE</p>				
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<p>I'm not sure just how the first few sections of para 2.a. relate with para. 3. There seems to be a disconnect here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  Helen </p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ SIGNATURE</p>				
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